PAINTING THE WAY TO SAFER ROADS

Traffic Maintenance staff, such as **Laborer Sam Baltes,** paint 500 crosswalks, 280 traffic arrows, 50 railroad crossing symbols and 210 lineal miles of road lines per year. Pavement markings provide traffic control and guidance, supplement regulations or warnings, and do so without diverting the driver's attention from the road.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Bloomington's Charter provides for a council-manager government. The stability of our organization is reflected in the City having had only two city managers in the last 43 years.

The City Council and Mayor, who serve part time, are elected by the people, exercise legislative power and determine all City policies. Advisory boards and commissions gather information and advise the City Council on specific issues. Policy development and day-to-day operations are directed by the Council-appointed City Manager. The City Manager oversees the eight departments and the Technical Services Group that carry out the services, activities and policies of the City of Bloomington.

People of Bloomington
Mayor/City Council
Commissions / Authorities
City Manager

- Community Development
- Community Services
- Finance
- Fire
- Human Resources
- Legal
- Police
- Public Works
- Technical Services

YOUR TAX DOLLARS HARD AT WORK
WHAT THE OWNER OF A MEDIAN-VALUED HOME PAYS

Residents receive a wide variety of City services at an affordable price. The cost of City services in 2010 for the owner of a median-priced, single-family home in Bloomington with an assessor's market value of $228,600 is $67.55 per month. Utilities also remain competitively priced in 2010 and did not increase from 2009. The value received from City services compares favorably to charges for other monthly bills.

Net property tax cost is obtained by subtracting all revenue sources other than the property tax from departmental expenditures. Water and sewer utilities are fee-based.
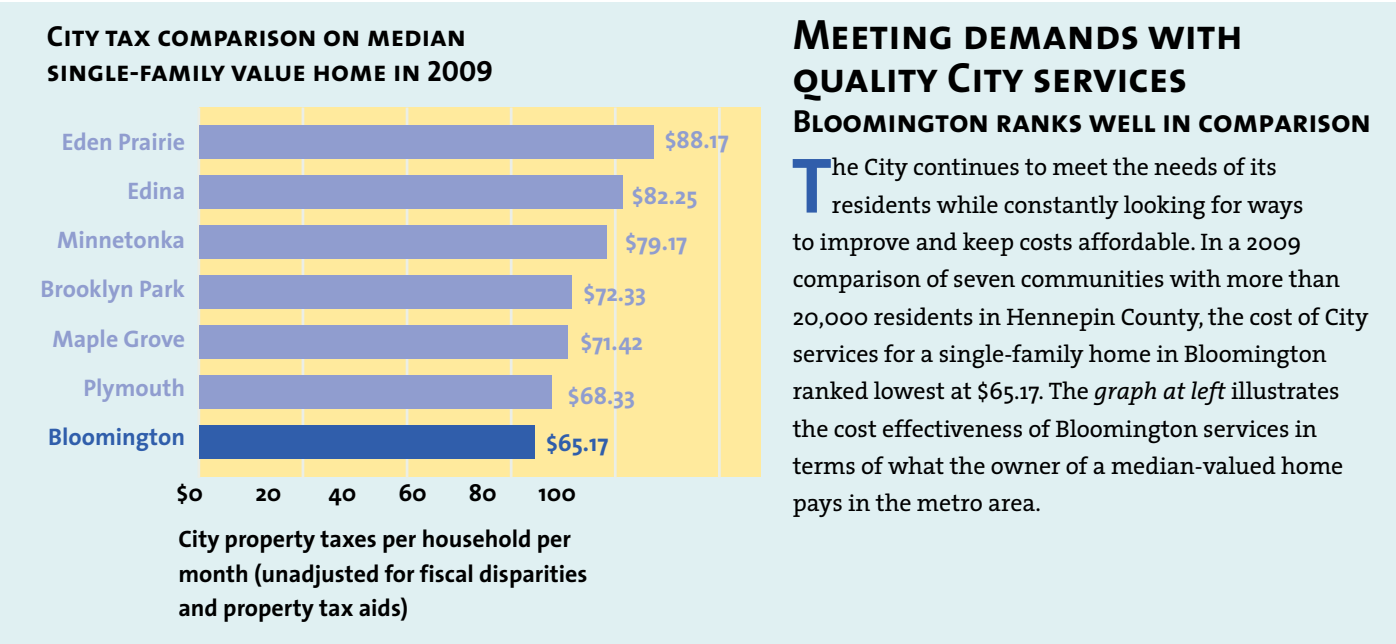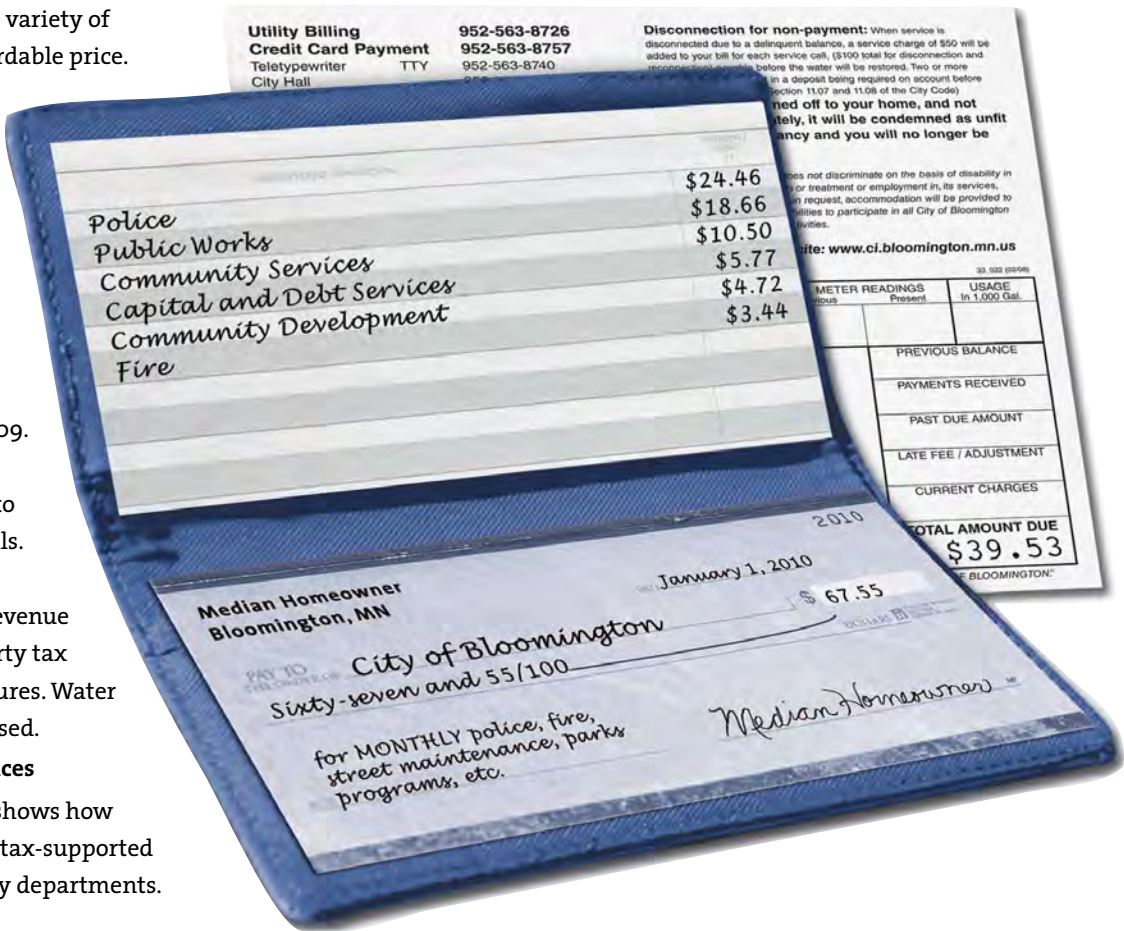
Property tax-supported services

The checkbook, *at right*, shows how the monthly cost of property tax-supported services is divided among City departments.

Monthly cost of utilities

Based on an average usage of 7,500 gallons per month, monthly cost of utilities for a home in Bloomington is $39.53 in 2010. Services include water, sewer, stormwater and solid waste. *See page CR7 for more information on Utility costs.*

Note: Water bills are mailed bimonthly and average $79.06 per bill.

Utility Billing	952-563-8726
Credit Card Payment	952-563-8757
Teletypewriter TTY	952-563-8740
City Hall	

Website: www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

Police	$24.46
Public Works	$18.66
Community Services	$10.50
Capital and Debt Services	$5.77
Community Development	$4.72
Fire	$3.44

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE $39.53

2010
January 1, 2010

Median Homeowner
Bloomington, MN
$ 67.55

City of Bloomington

Sixty-seven and 55/100

Median Homeowner

for MONTHLY police, fire, street maintenance, parks programs, etc.

CITY TAX COMPARISON ON MEDIAN SINGLE-FAMILY VALUE HOME IN 2009

City	City property taxes per household per month
Eden Prairie	$88.17
Edina	$82.25
Minnetonka	$79.17
Brooklyn Park	$72.33
Maple Grove	$71.42
Plymouth	$68.33
Bloomington	$65.17

City property taxes per household per month (unadjusted for fiscal disparities and property tax aids)

MEETING DEMANDS WITH QUALITY CITY SERVICES
BLOOMINGTON RANKS WELL IN COMPARISON

The City continues to meet the needs of its residents while constantly looking for ways to improve and keep costs affordable. In a 2009 comparison of seven communities with more than 20,000 residents in Hennepin County, the cost of City services for a single-family home in Bloomington ranked lowest at $65.17. The *graph at left* illustrates the cost effectiveness of Bloomington services in terms of what the owner of a median-valued home pays in the metro area.

YOUR 2010 TAX DOLLAR

The single-family residential tax dollar is divided among several governmental entities. As the graphic shows, for every dollar of taxes paid, 29 cents are for City services. The actual amount of taxes owed is based on market value, tax law and the levy. The levy for all local governmental entities is spread across properties within each entity's respective boundaries using tax capacity, a function of market value and property type. After applying educational aids, a Bloomington homeowner with a median-valued home pays $2,755 in property taxes. Of that, $811, or $67.55 per month, goes to the City for services. The remaining $1,944 goes to the School District, County and other taxing districts.

33¢ Hennepin County
29¢ City of Bloomington
29¢ Bloomington School District
9¢ Other agencies

Jim ~ Center for the Arts Manager ~ 6 years

"Anticipating needs and requests and then exceeding expectations in their delivery."

"A friendly attitude, a willingness to listen and an empathy for others."

Judy ~ Information Systems Assistant ~ 7 years